

# Independence

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Independence National Historical Park  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



August 1 – September 7, 2015

Independence Visitor Center.....8:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

**Programs: Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony** daily at 4:00 p.m.

**Twilight Tour** - Daily at 6:00 - Enjoy an introduction to Independence National Historical Park so you are ready to explore it the next day. *Presented by the Friends of Independence Volunteer Guides.*

Liberty Bell Center..... 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

*Please note - security screening closes 5 minutes before the Liberty Bell Center closes for the evening*

**Program: National Park Fun Zone** - Daily - 9:30am to 11:00am - Discover some family fun with the help of puzzles, games, and the park's mobile app.

**Independence Square** (Access to the “Square” is through security located at 5th and Chestnut Streets)

*Please note - security screening closes 15 minutes before the buildings on the block close for the evening*

Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

**Tours are offered every 15 minutes, tickets are required 9:00-5:00. Free Tickets are available the morning of your visit at the Independence Visitor Center.**

Congress Hall.....9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Old City Hall..... 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

## Carpenters’ Court

Carpenters’ Hall.....open Tuesday-Sunday..... 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

New Hall Military Museum..... Noon-5:00 p.m.

**Program: - Barnacles and Bullets** - Daily at 1:00 & 4:00 - Find out what it would have been like to serve in the army or the navy during the American Revolution during this “hands-on” program for kids.

## Franklin Court

Courtyard.....9:00 – dusk

**Program: Dr. Franklin’s Philadelphia** (walking tour) – Saturdays and Sundays at 10:00 - Printer, father, politician, diplomat, inventor – Benjamin Franklin achieved much in his long and prosperous life.

Join a park ranger to hear about how his accomplishments shaped his city, his country and the world.

Benjamin Franklin Museum.....(fee charged)..... 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

B. Free Franklin Post Office..... open Monday-Saturday.....9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Fragments of Franklin Court..... 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Printing Office..... 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## Other Park Sites

The City Tavern.....opens at 11:30

Declaration House.....tours at 1:30 and 4:00

**Program: Jefferson in Philadelphia** – Learn about Thomas Jefferson’s life in Philadelphia while he was renting rooms in this house during the summer of 1776. Program is limited to 15 people.

Free Quaker Meeting House..... 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The President’s House Site Memorial.....7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

The Signer’s Garden.....7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Program: Paths of the Founders** – daily at 2:30 - Follow in the footsteps of eighteenth-century Americans who moved from being colonists to citizens of a new nation. Join a park ranger for this orientation walking tour and the world-changing events that happened here. No tour 8/16-23.

Todd and Bishop White Houses.....ask at the Visitor Center for times

## Other NPS Sites

Deshler-Morris House..... open Saturday.....10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Edgar Allan Poe NHS..... open Friday-Sunday.....9:00 a.m.– Noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM..... open Saturday-Sunday..... Noon-4:00 p.m.

**August 16-23 – Votes for Women** - Half the population of the United States – women – could not vote until after the August 18, 1920 ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment. Hear how the steps to this momentous change in American politics were inspired by the events which took place in Independence Hall. To commemorate the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution, join park rangers for special programs highlighting the continuing contributions of women to the growth of this nation.

**“Forging Justice: the Women’s Liberty Bell”** Find out how women in Pennsylvania forged a new symbol for the women’s suffrage movement using their own “Liberty Bell” in this 10-minute ranger talk. Daily at 11:00 during the month of August at the Liberty Bell Center

**“Ladies of Liberty, Justice, and Equality”** Join a park ranger for a 30-minute slide program and hear about some of the many women whose contributions helped to further the cause of liberty, justice, and equality for all Americans. August 16 – 23 at noon. Independence Visitor Center

**“The Women’s American Revolution”** Walking Tour Follow in the footsteps of the women who used Independence Square to fight their own revolution. March on to victory with a park ranger and discover the women’s suffrage campaigns that took place in the shadow of Independence Hall. August 16 – 23 at 2:30. Meet at the Signer’s Garden, at the corner of 5th and Chestnut Streets.

**August 25 – Founders Day** - Help celebrate the National Park Service’s 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday by joining us for fun activities. The Benjamin Franklin Museum will be free for all visitors. Throughout the day (from 10 am – 2 pm) we’ll have activities for whole family in Franklin Court. From 5 pm -8 pm, don’t miss the Founders Day Picnic on Independence Mall. Grab a picnic supper and join us for an evening of music and fun. Participate in ranger programs about America’s treasures, your national parks.